

Minutes of the Meeting of the WATER USERS ON UTAH LAKE AND JORDAN RIVER, from the pumping plant on Utah lake to and including the North Jordan weir near Midvale, Salt Lake County, Utah, held in Room 200, State Capitol, March 12, 1940, pursuant to call of the State Engineer.

Those present and the users represented were as follows:

J. R. Allen	East Jordan Irrigation Co
Joseph Hibbard	South Jordan Canal Co
Hyrum Bennion, Jr	North Jordan Irrigation Co
Jas. H. Jensen	Utah & Salt Lake Canal Co
R. C. Towler	Salt Lake City Corp
Heber A. Smith	Draper Irrigation Co
Joseph Mousley	Mousley Ditch Co.
W. L. Latshaw	U.S. Smelting, Ref. & Mng. Co.
B. H. Beckstead	Beckstead Ditch
David I. Gardner	Water Commissioner
Herbert R. Sadd	Utah Copper Co.



Mr. Sadd did not vote.

On motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, Mr. Hyrum Bennion Jr. was elected Chairman, and Mr. R. C. Towler Secretary, of the meeting.

The Secretary read the State Engineer's call for the meeting, and further explanation was made by Mr. David I. Gardner, for the State Engineer.

The following subjects were taken up and discussed:

(a) The secretary read the financial statement as submitted by Mr. T. H. Humphreys, State Engineer, showing condition of the Utah Lake and Jordan River Distribution Fund on February 29, 1940. A copy of the statement is made a part of these minutes. (Report was made that the Utah & Salt Lake Canal Co. and the Mousley Ditch Co. assessments amounting to \$486.98, had been paid since the statement was written.)

(b) Mr. Allen moved that the salary of the water commissioner be placed at \$2,000.00 for the year. Mr. Jensen seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Allen then moved that the meeting recommend the appointment of Mr. David I. Gardner as Water Commissioner for 1940-41 on the Utah Lake & Jordan River Water System, at a salary of \$2,000, and allowance of 5¢ per mile for automobile expense on official duty; that his duties be as designated last year - i.e. he to spend three fourths of his time (and more if necessary) to distribute the water of the system, and file a complete report of his work, at the end of the season, with the State Engineer. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jensen, and passed unanimously.

Mr. Gardner requested an increase in salary for the deputy water commissioner of \$25.00 per month.

Mr. Towler moved that the deputy water commissioner be allowed an increase of \$25 per month (or \$1290 for the year). The motion was seconded by Mr. Hibbard. Mr. Allen vigorously opposed the increase in salary. The motion carried. Mr. Allen voted "No."

Mr. Hibbard moved that Fred C. Wanlass be recommended for appointment as Deputy Water Commissioner, and spend his entire time in assisting the Water Commissioner in his duties. Motion was seconded by Mr. Jensen, and carried. Mr. Allen voted "No."

(c) Objection was made to Appointment of a Water Users Committee. The sentiment was that questions of water rights should be discussed with the individual users or companies and not with any committee.

Mr. Allen moved that the chairman and secretary report to the state engineer the proceedings, results, and the minutes of the meeting. Motion was seconded by Mr. Heber A. Smith, and carried unanimously.

(d) Informal discussion on the budget was had and the opinions expressed were that due to the balance on hand and the amount of delinquent assessments yet to be collected, the budget allowance should be the same as last year. Sentiment was expressed that the delinquent assessments of water users should be collected by the state engineer.

Mr. Allen moved that the budget for the year be set at \$4,000; that the state engineer and the water commissioner make the distribution to the various expenses; that the state engineer be authorized to collect, by assessment, \$4,000 to cover the budget allowance for 1940-41, for the distribution of the water of the system; that he also be requested to collect all assessments now delinquent. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jensen, and carried.

(e) Mr. Gardner made a brief report on the outlook of water supply for the 1940 season.

On motion by Mr. Allen, seconded by Mr. Smith, the meeting adjourned.

*Hyrum Bennion Jr.*  
Hyrum Bennion Jr, Chairman

*R. C. Towler*  
R. C. Towler, Secretary